



Student Officer Information

Candidates for the offices of president, vice president and members-at-large for the 2020-2021 school year must be juniors (seniors when they are going to hold the office), and they should attend both the 2020 and 2021 conventions. Students running for any office must have previously attended a state, regional and/or national scholastic journalism conference and/or convention. Elections will be held during the convention Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Officers must attend the fall Executive Board meeting in September. During this meeting student officers are responsible for planning the convention theme, logo, student entertainment and shirt design. Officers will also write for the SIPA website.

SIPA's **president** presides at the annual convention and serves on the Executive Committee, Advisory Council and SIPA Endowment Committee. He or she may attend any policy-making sessions during the year.

The **vice president** takes over the president's responsibilities if the president is unable to meet them. In addition, the vice president serves on both the Executive Committee and Advisory Council.

The **members-at-large** work with other student officers, contribute to SIPA publications and serve on both the Executive Committee and Advisory Council.

Convention campaigning rules include the following:

1. Only one person from each school may campaign for any office. No nomination will be accepted without adviser's consent. Candidates must also be rising seniors.
2. Candidates may have an exhibit table for a meet and greet in the hotel atrium. You **must** let the SIPA office know if you want a table and if you will be shipping materials for the exhibit table (email dennislc@email.sc.edu).
3. Candidates may have trifold displays and videos along with any other campaign materials at exhibit tables.
4. Candidates may distribute flyers but **not post them on hotel walls**.
5. Campaign posters are not permitted.
6. Only presidential candidates will give speeches at the opening assembly Friday night. Speeches should not be longer than four minutes.
7. Voting will take place Saturday, March 7, from 9-11 p.m. at a designated area. Voting delegates: Each publication staff that has paid the SIPA membership fee and has one or more delegates attending the convention may select one voting delegate.
8. Any infraction of these rules should be reported to a member of the Executive Committee.

Student Officer Code of Conduct

1. I will abide by the SIPA Behavior Contract.
2. I will be an engaged participant at all sessions and activities unless excused by my adult adviser and either the chair or director.
3. I will not intimidate or sabotage other candidates. I will do my best to ensure students from my delegation represent me and my campaign appropriately.
4. I will report any infractions in violation of these rules to my adviser, the chair and the director.
5. If a situation violating these rules arises, all parties involved have the opportunity to appear before the chair and director who will decide the status of eligibility.